

executions, torture, disappearances, unlawful arrests and detentions and denials of freedom of association, assembly and expression."

As Clinton and the new Congress consider the Pentagon's request for \$600,000 to spend on the training of Indonesian officers, they ought to heed the counsel of the US Catholic Conference. "As difficult as the situation in East Timor has been over the years," the bishops' office noted, "congressional protests and representations by various US administrations have helped limit the severity of human rights abuses, keeping a bad situation from becoming much worse."

This is no time to encourage Indonesian persecution of the East Timorese.

SALUTE TO M.L. "LIN" KOESTER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a longtime friend and former colleague who will be leaving the city of Simi Valley to become Ventura County's chief administrative officer.

When I joined the Simi Valley City Council in 1979, one of our first objectives was to find an administrator who could lead the city into the next decade while restoring the fiscal and personal security city residents expected and deserved.

Lin Koester was that administrator. In more than 15 years on the job, he has established a list of accomplishments and successes that would be the envy of any manager in the private or public sector.

Through Lin's tenure, Simi Valley has earned the respect of other municipalities from around the State for its strong record of fiscal conservatism and financial stability. With an annual budget of more than \$88 million and more than 500 employees, the city has weathered the economic downturn that has plagued southern California and the entire Nation over the past few years and has emerged in good financial shape with a \$14 million general fund reserve.

But Lin's achievements are hardly limited to the area of financial management.

While he has served as city manager, Simi Valley has established a statewide reputation for its innovative efforts and programs in the areas of recycling and hazardous waste management.

Under Lin's leadership, the city has maintained its reputation as one of the top three safest cities of its size in the entire country. It has also financed and built a new city hall and senior center and has helped establish a local DMV office, a new county courthouse and a library. The city has also seen the construction and opening of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, while construction continues on a new cultural arts center—scheduled to open later this year. A new, state-of-the-art, police facility is expected to open within the next 3 years.

None of these things happened by accident. They happened because of strong, thoughtful leadership and an ability to get the most from a well-chosen, well-organized professional staff.

As Lin moves on to put his time-tested talents to work for the county, Mr. Speaker, I

would like to join many of his former colleagues and friends in wishing him well. I know that Simi Valley is a much better place today because the years Lin spent at the helm. I am confident that, years from now, we will be able to look back and say the same thing about Ventura County.

HONORING ALISON GAVRELL

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, in June, a very talented young woman from my district in California will be traveling to Washington to receive a major literary award. Alison Gavrell will receive the Silver Award at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards National Exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art for her short story, "Don't Believe Everything You Read."

This prestigious program, which honors talented young writers and artists from across the Nation, is designed to encourage some of America's finest and most gifted students in the pursuit of excellence. Alison plans to read from her story at the Library of Congress Saturday, June 17, and will be part of the ceremony and recreation for all national award winning students at the Corcoran the following day.

Alison, a student at the Dorris-Eaton School in Walnut Creek, deserves high praise for her diligence, self-discipline, and creativity. My congratulations also go to her parents, Elaine and George Gavrell, and her teacher, Ms. Deeni Schoenfeld for their contributions to Alison's signal achievement. It is a pleasure for me to recognize Alison in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN H. WATTERS

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Stephen H. Watters, who for 19 years, has been the director of the middle school at William Penn Charter.

Over the past 20 years, he has helped to define and shape one of the finest middle school programs in the country. Stephen H. Watters has demonstrated his long-term leadership and commitment to the school, the development of its curriculum, and to his caring approach to students, parents and peers.

Steve is leaving the Penn Charter family this summer and will assume his new responsibilities as head of the Green Vale School, a K-9 school in Glen Head, NY.

Steve's departure will further impact Penn Charter with the departure of his wife, Anne Watters, who has served as director of lower school admissions as she joins her husband in New York.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Mr. Watters for a job well done.

HONORING YVONNE MCCALL

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding educator from Fairfax County, VA, who is retiring this month.

S. Yvonne McCall, is the principal of Silverbrook Elementary in Fairfax Station, VA. She was selected as the National Distinguished Principal of Virginia 1993.

I first met Mrs. McCall in 1981 when she brought in private and charitable donations to build a new playground at Glen Forest Elementary School, where she was principal.

Mrs. McCall encourages her students to strive for academic excellence. Her motto is: "Reach for the moon. If you don't make it, then you'll at least land among the stars."

McCall has designed a number of innovative programs at Silverbrook. They include: PEP [Parents Energizing Parents], a parent support group; PLUS [Parents Lending Us Support], a program designed to train volunteer parents; RESPECT [Rules Expected at Silverbrook—Plans Everyone Can Trust], a schoolwide discipline program designed to reward positive behavior; Social Skills, a program that encourages good cafeteria behavior by rewarding well-behaved students with a complimentary lunch at a local restaurant; and, a mentor program with employees of the school's business partner, HFSI, through which the partners communicate via electronic mail.

Mrs. McCall began her career in Fairfax County in 1971 as a reading teacher at Fairview Elementary School. In 1980, she assumed the post of principal at Glen Forest Elementary School and later served as principal at Dogwood Elementary School, where she remained until assuming the reigns at Silverbrook Elementary in 1988.

Throughout her career, Mrs. McCall has earned honors. She received the Outstanding Principal Award from Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1985. From 1986 to 1993, McCall was nominated seven times for the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. She received the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal in 1991. In 1991, McCall was also a finalist in the National Distinguished Principal of Virginia program. In 1993, she was awarded the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals' School Bell Award for her leadership abilities and her innovative and successful school programs.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join me in honoring Yvonne McCall for all of her hard work and dedication in molding the way that our children view themselves and the world. Mrs. McCall is a credit to her profession and has been a vital assets to thousands of families in northern Virginia who have been touched by her professional leadership.